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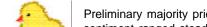
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Preliminary majority prices were up 6 cents in the Midwest, 5 cents in the Northeast and unchanged in the West. Trade sentiment ranged steady to firm; mostly fully steady to firm. Retail demand was fair to fairly good. Food service was fairly good. Supplies of all sizes were in close balance and clearing well, with the hot and humid weather conditions affecting sizes in the South and Northeast. In the parts complex, breast items continued tight to short. Leg quarters were in close balanced and well cleared. Wings were at least steady. In production areas, live supplies were about moderate with weights ranging desirable to light.

<u>Preliminary report</u> of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 08/16-08/21/99 (cents per lb)

	US	GRADE A	(COMPOSITE				
(Includ	ding branded pr	WTD						
<u>AREAS</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>	RANGE	<u>AVG</u>	LOADS				
Bos/New Eng	TFEWR	_						
Chicago	49.00-54.00	49.00-62.50	53.00	22				
Cincinnati	TFEWR	_						
Cleveland	TFEWR	_						
Denver	64.50	_						
Detroit	TFEWR	_						
Los Angeles	65.00	_						
New York	50.00-53.00	_						
Philadelphia	TFEWR	_						
Pittsburgh	TFEWR	_						
St. Louis	TFEWR	_						
San Francisco	65.50	_						
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent								
Mississippi	59.00-60.00	56.00-64.00	59.31	84				

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 60.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

8.063

LOADS	RANG	<u> </u>	RIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
577	53.00-6	9.50	59.92
Georgia f.o.l	b. dock confirme	d preliminary	weighted average price on
ice packed	parts: WT	D. AVG.	VOLUME
<u>ITEM</u>	(CENTS)	PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
BREASTS -	B/S 17	70.50	4,056
BREASTS -	WHOLE 7	79.50	1,828
THIGH MEA	T - B/S 6	31.50	562

WINGS 50.00 2,742
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SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was generally firm in the major terminal markets. Demand was moderate to good, best into fast food. Retail demand improved and ranged fair to occasionally good. Supplies were balanced to well cleared as hot weather affected both sizes and in spot locations livability. In the parts structure, breast items remained firm, steady to firm on the balance. In production areas live supplies were moderate with weights ranging desirable to light.

<u>WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS</u> The market tone was fully steady. Preliminiary majority prices were unchanged from last week. Offerings of southern wholebodys tight; adequate overall from California production areas. Demand was fairly good, best to cover features. Floor stocks generally adequate. The market was frim on breasts, fully steady on leg quarters and thighs and generally steady on wings and drumsticks.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices for next week's deliveries were 6 cents higher into Chicago and TFEWR elsewhere. Whole fryer trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Additional whole bird offerings limited. Movement into all channels was mixed, mostly moderate at best with fast food demand fairly good in Chicago and Ohio. Floor stocks were adequate with weights desirable. Parts trading spotty with some buyers in all areas reporting being shorted on breast items. Supplies were tight to short on breast items and adequate on the balance. Parts trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on breast items, steady on remainder.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready to-cook whole broiler/fryers was irregular. Offerings of heavier weights were generally short and the balance was usually adequate to meet current trade needs. Retail and distributive demand was mixed and mostly of a seasonal nature. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts market, weather was becoming a major factor in availability causing most dealers difficulty in filling their orders.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds continued to keep seller offerings well balanced to short of immediate needs. Live supplies were about moderate; weights varied, but were mostly desirable to light. Processing schedules were reduced in instances, but remained moderately heavy in total. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 53 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly firm. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were in short supply. Boneless skinless breasts were tight. Leg quarters continued to clear well. Wings were in closer balance, but adequate at most points.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK

CITY FROM DELI	MARVA.	BRANDED U.S. GRADE A
RANGE		47-69
WEIGHTED AVE	RAGE	56.33
NO. OF BOXES		8,015
CUMULATIVE	08/09/99-08/13	3/99 54.05
	08/10/98-08/14	4/98 75.54
NO. OF BOXES	08/09/99-08/13	3/99 37,745
	08/10/98-08/14	4/98 39,417
*6 of 8 plants re	porting	

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AUG 12, 1999	AUG 12, 1999 SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS AUG 13, 1999									3, 1999
	POUNDS	3		WTD	POUNDS	3			WEEK	LY
<u>ITEM</u>	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	<u>AVG</u>	(000)	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	611 1	35.00-187.00	155-165	160.48	593	135.00-187.00	170-175	166.57	2,664	158.43
TENDERLOINS	124 1	35.00-190.00	140-145	148.79	1,000	135.00-200.00	140-145	189.11	1,536	177.25
BREAST - LINE RUN	160	63.00-78.00	71-74	73.90			TOO FEW TO	O REPORT	796	73.04
FRONT HALVES	TC	OO FEW TO RE	PORT		186	71.00-85.00	74-75	76.59	406	70.78
LEGS	126	19.00-27.00	26-27	25.98	240	26.00-35.00	26-27	29.17	869	26.76
LEG QUARTERS (BUL	<) 122	15.00-19.00	17-18	17.36	446	18.00-19.00	-	18.46	971	17.37
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,251	16.00-20.00	19-20	18.68	1,360	18.00-21.00	19-21	19.79	8,491	18.63
WINGS (WHOLE)	166	47.00-53.00	48-49	49.70	206	47.00-53.00	48-49	49.96	871	49.90
WINGS (CUT)	409	52.00-68.00	57-59	58.96	624	57.00-68.00	58-59	59.56	2,915	58.69
DRUMSTICKS	86	24.00-35.00	-	24.77	140	24.00-35.00	-	28.71	490	25.97
THIGHS	TC	OO FEW TO RE	PORT				TOO FEW TO	O REPORT	28	34.43
B/S THIGHS	172	52.00-71.00	-	59.48	168	52.00-71.00	-	60.11	907	60.10
WHOLE BODY INDEX B	*************	*****************************	**************************************	******** S	WHOLI	E BODY INDEX E	**************************************	OUTHERN'S	TATES P	************************
TRADING FOR AUG 12,	1999 — F	O.B. DOCK.			TRADII	NG FOR AUG 13	, 1999— F.O	.B. DOCK.		
		TODAY'S						TODAY'S	;	5-DAY
	RANGE	AVERAGE				<u> </u>	RANGE	<u>AVERAGE</u>	•	<u>AVERAGE</u>
50.00	- 52.00	51.18					- 52.00	47.53		43.39
The Index is intended solel	ly as an inc	dicator of values	for commodity-	type produ	ct and doe	s not represent inc	dustry's willingr	ness to sell or	ability to	ouy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was light due in part to the lack of product. Offerings of breast items were practically nonexistent with other items quickly reaching the same levels as weather factors affected production. Retail and distributive demand was seasonally slow as weather and few features limited consumer buying interest. The market tone in general was fully steady to firm.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

AUG 13, 1999

WEEKLY

AUG 12, 1999	CURRENTNEG	WTD		CURRENTNEG	WTD		WTD	
<u>ITEM</u>	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	<u>AVG</u>	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	165-170	166.98	356,900	170-175 170.28 5	541,120	163.21 2,0	55,246	
TENDERLOINS	135-140	139.27	43,800	135-140139.42	35,120	136.09 20	7,957	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	74-75	81.29	178,420	77-7882.88 18	88,840	77.55 94	4,100	
BREAST - LINE RUN	74	75.17	84,840	7778.1999,680	72.69	522,960		29-30
LEGS	28-29	29.03	239,640	30.47 239,280	30.77	958,120		19-20
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18-19	19.46	466,761	19.43 555,640	18.95	2,115,087		32-33
DRUMSTICKS	31-32	32.55	76,110	33.4276,270	32.36	381,990		19-20
THIGHS	18-19	26.97	64,760	26.0082,970	25.69	413,070		70-71
B/S THIGHS	70-71	70.01	19,840	69.6134,440	69.97	137,050		45-46
WINGS (WHOLE)	45-46	50.78	162,680	51.73 207,000	52.10	930,304		10-12
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPP	ED) 10-12	12.04	18,560	12.2219,240	12.12	101,280		35-40
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.58	13,840	39.2611,280	35.89	67,506		40-45
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	42.66	36,520	42.8130,760	41.39	149,890		
INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. ARI	EA, RI, NORTHERI	N NJ, MA, CT	, PA (NORTHE	AST OF HARRISBURG).* TODAY'S N	EG. SALES AS OF	11:30 A.M.	

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ΔVG

						AVC	7		AVG	
		<u>ESTII</u>	<u>MATED</u>	AC	ΓUAL	<u>WT</u>	<u>S</u> <u>A</u>	CTUAL	<u>WTS</u>	
		08/13	08/12	08/11	08/10	08/11	08/10	08/06	08/04	
	ALA	4,102	3,770	3,779	3,748	4.90	4.92	4,191	4.98	
	ARK	5,965	5,156	4,963	5,097	4.56	4.60	5,698	4.69	
	DELMARV	۹ 2,341	2,412	2,457	2,489	4.99	4.93	2,323	5.01	
	KY-LA-TN	1,973	1,812	1,743	1,729	4.28	4.42	1,718	4.27	
	MISS	3,345	2,751	2,744	2,719	4.88	4.80	2,589	4.88	
	NC	2,653	2,576	2,546	2,550	5.48	5.53	2,982	5.41	
	TEXAS	2,865	1,990	2,046	2,017	4.47	4.52	2,289	4.67	
	TOTAL	23,244	20,467	20,278	20,349	4.80	4.82	21,790	4.86	
	MON-FRI1	05,243((A)				102,	400(A)		
	(A) Weekly	cumula	ative for	states lis	ted abov	∕e.				
	Broiler-frye	r slaugh	nter und	er federa	al inspec	tion for	13-Au	g and		
	14-Aug-99	is estim	nated to	be 34,77	76,000 u	p 6.36	percen	t from a	week	
	ago and up	10.5 p	ercent fr	om a ye	ar ago.					
	(Last week 32,698,000; last year 31,463,000)									
Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week										
	ending 14-Aug-99 is estimated to be 156,347,000 head up 2.5									
	percent fro	m a wee	ek ago, a	and up 5	.1 perce	nt from	a year	ago		
	(Last week	(152,52	21,000 L	ast year	148,754	,000)				

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY					
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS					
	<u>RANGE</u>				
FRESH FRYERS	81-83				
DOVETEDS 4# 6 HD	92.00				

	KANGE
FRESH FRYERS	81-83
ROASTERS 4# & UP	82-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	83-88
DUCKS	135
RABBITS-WHOLE	309
RABBITS-CUT UP	326

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS RANGE

	1.	~:10L
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	107
	ICE PACK 9	2-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK	112
	ICE PACK	104
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	98
	ICE PACK	92
DUCKS	14	49-166

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YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending July 31, 1999 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up
-----THOUSANDS------

	4.20 LDS & 00WII	4.21-3.23 LDS	3.26 LDS & UP	
-	TH	OUSANDS		
Head	32,632	38,259	32,381	
Avg Weight	3.73	4.85	5.94	
% of total /1	32%	37%	31%	
COMPARISONS				
Last week	40,140	34,877	38,875	
Avg Weight	3.87	4.76	6.04	
% of total /1	35%	31%	34%	
Same week, yr a	go /2 39,249	43,722	23,268	
Avg Weight	3.85	4.70	6.13	
% of total /1	37%	41%	22%	
To date/1999	980,445	871,827	1,286,417	
To date/1998	1,092,457	1,130,727	908,404	

- /1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.
- /2 Comparable week.
- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 07-Aug-99 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS		HEAVY HENS		DUCKS	
		THC	DUSAND	S		
HEAD	152,521(A	A) 2,025	1,427	3,452	434	
AVGWT	4.68	3.30	8.09	5.28	6.15	
LAST WEEK	155,473	2,097	1,270	3,367	417	
YR AGO	148,443	1,959	1,203	3,162	498	
AVGWT	4.69	3.42	8.09	5.20	6.49	
TO-DATE/1999	4,697,716	66,968	42,093	109,061	13,711	
TO-DATE/1998	4,516,003	65,317	39,134	104,451	14,014	
(A) The estimate	ed number o	f fryers a	vailable	for market	ing based on	
the 2-week revis	sed average	chick pla	cements	6 to 7 we	eeks earlier	
was 156.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 154.4 million head or 2.4 million head less than or 98 percent of estimated fryers available.						

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY -- DATE OF AUCTION AUG 10, 1999

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

Total Coops Sold 784

	RANGE		
Banty Hens	1.50 - 3.25ea.Pekin Ducks	.40 -	.68
	2.00 - 5.50ea.Pigeons		2.10ea.
	1.50 - 6.00ea.Pullets 4-6		1.10
	2.25 - 3.25ea.Rabbits 4-6		.88
	.3086 Rabbits 7-11		
	-6 .5096 Red Fowl 4-4.5		
Crossbred Roosters 7-	-11 .4088 Red Fowl 5-6	.60 -	.98
Doves	3.00 - 6.00ea.Silkies	.75 -	1.50ea.
Geese 9-14	.2034 White Pigeons	2.25 -	3.25ea.
Guinea Fowl	1.60 - 1.95		
Guinea Pigs	3.00 - 7.50ea.		
Kid Goats	19.00 -30.00ea.		
Leghorn Hens	.0112		
Leghorn Roosters	.0314		
Muscovy Ducks - Drake	es 1.10 - 1.24		
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.00 - 1.10		

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FED-STATE FOR WEEK OF 09-AUG-99 **DUCKLINGS:** PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

<u>ORIGIN</u>	<u>FROZEN</u>	<u>FRESH</u>
LONG ISLAND	134	139-140
MIDWEST	117-119	118-120

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	<u> </u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MOSTLY</u>
ICE PACKED (12 PER E	BOX)	65-66	
VACUUM PACKED (6-9	PER BOX)	68-83	68-73
SQUABS: NEW YORK AR	EA WHOLE	SALE PRI	CES, FROZEN,
PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS	S PER DOZE	EN, 1 TO 1	10 BOXES
12 OZ.	60.48	-69.66	
14 OZ.	66.96	-76.14	
16 OZ.	73.44	-83.43	

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA,RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices unchanged. Market tone steady. Demand was moderate to instances fairly good. Sizes were desirable to heavy. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18 oz boneless breast at \$4.65-5.25, legs at \$2.80-2.95, bone in legs at \$1.15-1.70, leg quarters at \$1.08-1.15, gizzards \$1.30-1.40, and wings at \$0.40-.60.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 09-AUG-99

<u>ORIGIN</u>	<u>FROZEN</u>	<u>FRESH</u>
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	117-119	118
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

MILLION HE	AD	MILLION HEAD			
WEEK ENDI	NG	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
JULY	3	162.0	154.9	105	5.02
	10	137.9	154.6	89	4.94
	17	160.3	155.4	103	4.98
	24	156.9	155.7	101	4.90
	31	157.4	156.4	101	5.96
AUGUST	7	154.4	156.8	98	4.68
YEAR TO D	ATE	4754.8	4717.3	101	
AUGUST	14		155.9		
	21		155.5		

CALIFORNIA PLTRY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP W/E 07-Aug-99 IN THOUSANDS

Broilers 3,257 HD, 16,839 lbs., Light Hens 200 HD, 700 lbs., Heavy Hens 22 HD, 187 lbs.

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

THOUSANDS					
<u>W/E</u>	<u>8/14/99</u>	<u>8/07/99</u>	%CHG	<u>8/15/98</u>	%CHG
Broilers	156,347	*152,521	+03	*148,754	+05
Cattle	710	680	+04	*705	+01
Hogs	1,864	1,825	+02	*1,934	-04
Under Fe	ederal Inspection	n			

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Prices ranged slightly lower to generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate. Floor stocks were clearing but offerings were fully adequate for trade needs. The undertone was mostly steady with some caution noted.

LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

22-27 MAJORITY 25-26

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT

NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)

26-29 MAJORITY 26-27

33-38 MAJORITY 36-37

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Demand was fair for fully adequate to ample offerings. Market conditions were steady.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate. Offerings were generally ample for processors needs. Undertone was cautious and barely steady as some new contracts were noted at lower levels.

NORTH CENTRAL LIVE LIGHT HEN Prices were unchanged. Offers fully adequate for processor's needs. Slaughter schedules at desired levels. Trade sentiment steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT Offerings in good balance with current needs. Plants worked desired schedules.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

HFAVY

RANGE

MA.IORITY

<u>HEAVY</u>	RANGE	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR (2)	
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR (1)	
<u>LIGHT</u>	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0 (1)	
Eastern Light	0 (2)	
So. Central Light	TFEWR (2)	
No. Central Light	TFEWR (1)	
No. Central Light	05 (2)	
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT